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at Wismar

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1. An underground work- and storeroom is located just outside the shipyards at Wismar, Mecklenburg. It is entered via an elevator, which is located in a small building, about the size of a one-family house, on the surface of the ground directly over the room. The room is about 100 by 75 meters in size.

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2. [] about 25 workers and the following equipment in the underground room:

35 torpedoes, type G7a (1)

35 torpedoes, type G7e (2)

15 training heads

? "Ruckpatronen" (sic) (possibly "Rauchpatronen"- smoke signal cartridges)

? "Leuchtbogen" (sic) (possibly "Leuchtbojen" -- life buoys)

20-30 jerry cans with torpedo oil (1)

5 magnetic heads

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3. [] a large submarine pen, similar to those at Cherbourg, France, under construction at the Wismar shipyards. The interior was nearly complete. Anchored in the pen were three submarines, type V of the former German Navy. They had a displacement of 750 tons and mounted the following weapons: three torpedo tubes in the bow and two astern, one 150 mm. gun, one twin-mounted 22 mm. gun, and one heavy machine gun in the turret. Other equipment included a radar set and a "schnorke". The radar set bore the marking "RFT Leipzig". The periscope was allegedly 49 feet long. (3)

4. The area of the pen is closely guarded and the entire labor force, approximately 400 men, is isolated from the population. (4)

5. The majority of the labor force are hired in the gymnasium of the Bergmann-Borsig Firm, Kurze Strasse, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh. They are transported from there to Wismar under the cover of darkness.

6. The officer in charge of naval training at Wismar is Kurt Schneider, age about 27, a former Lieutenant, J.G. (Oberleutnant) in the German submarine service.

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- 25X1 (1) [] Comment: A type used by the former German Navy.
- 25X1 (2) [] Comment: [] they were an improved version of those used by the German Navy. They have a maximum range of 46 SM (nautical miles?) as compared with the 36 SM range of the German wartime type.
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- 25X1 (3) [] Comment: This is an improvement over the German wartime type, which was only 40 feet long.
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